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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. STEARNS].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 14, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable CLIFF STEARNS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

We are grateful, O God, that You have surrounded us with family and colleagues who support us and encourage us. We are also aware that we are encompassed about with our communities from all over this land. O gracious God, from whom we receive our strength and to whom we belong, remind us every day that we do not live or serve alone nor do we have the abilities to run only our course, but are dependent upon others to truly know ourselves and to be Your faithful people. May we be ready to assist those about us just as they sustain us in our concerns. So be with us in our work, and may Your blessings be upon us and all Your people, now and evermore. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MENENDEZ] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MENENDEZ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 1-minutes on each side.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA FOOTBALL COACH AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, BOB DEVANEY

(Mr. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, Nebraska lost one of its finest. Former University of Nebraska football coach and athletic director Bob Devaney passed away, but not before leaving a legacy that will never be forgotten in the Cornhusker State and in the rank and file of college football.

Anyone familiar with college football knows the outstanding accomplishments that Coach Devaney achieved. He took an average college football program and led the Cornhuskers to back-to-back national titles in 1970 and 1971.

Bob Devaney not only ushered in a new era of college football, he brought Nebraskans together and gave our great State a team and an institution to be proud of.

Most of all, Coach Devaney put life in perspective.

In 1965, Devaney told fans before a game that there are 800 million people in China who could care less if Nebraska won or lost because there are bigger things in life than whether your team wins or loses.

Coach Devaney taught sportsmanship and unity, lessons from which we all can learn.

So, Mr. Speaker, as Coach Bob Devaney is laid to rest this afternoon, I think that I can speak for all Nebraskans and all college football fans across this country alike when I say, "Coach, thanks for the memories."

IRISH DEPORTEES

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Noel Gaynor, his family, and six other families on whom injustice has fallen across the ocean from Ireland to America.

The Irish political deportees, as they are referred to, left Ireland to restart their lives in America. Today they are engaged in a different struggle with the U.S. Department of Justice which relentlessly seeks to deport them for their political beliefs. Each man is married to an American citizen or permanent resident.

These men are not wanted by anyone. They were prosecuted for political reasons in the British Diplock Courts. That means one British judge, no jury, confessions which were extracted under torture and duress, and as such, they were sentenced and held with a special political status, a direct acknowledgment of their status as British political prisoners.

All of them have proven through years of residence their commitment to their families, communities, and indeed to the American dream.

This is a photo of Sinead Gaynor holding a sign at a demonstration

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